AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 -- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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Title: REDUNDANCY FOR DUAL OPTICAL RING CONCENTRATOR

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REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2007.

Claims 1, 9, 13, 21 and 22 are amended, claim 22 is canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-21 remain pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-12 were objected to for containing cited informalities.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 13-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12 were indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the cited informalities. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12 is respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 21, and 22 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action. Claims 13 and 21 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claim 22 has been cancelled.

Claims 14-20 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that this has been accomplished with the amendments to claims 13. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 13-21 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6909 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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